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EXDIS FOR CHIEF OF MISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, PDIP, PN, PPDC, CS

SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER  
TO PRESIDENT ODUBER INVITING HIM TO BILATERAL MEETING  
IN CONNECTION WITH PANAMA CANAL CEREMONIES TO BE HELD  
IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7. LETTER SHOULD BE CONVEYED  
TO HIGHEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY. IN  
DELIVERING MESSAGE, PLEASE ALSO MAKE FOLLOWING THREE  
POINTS: (1) TACTFULLY SUGGEST THAT DELEGATION BE AS  
SMALL AS POSSIBLE BUT INCLUDE WIFE OF CHIEF OF STATE;  
(2) ADVISE THAT THE CHIEF OF STATE AND HIS WIFE ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND A STATE DINNER WHICH WILL TAKE  
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PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIGNING CEREMONY,  
SEPTEMBER 7; AND (3) INFORM THAT MRS. CARTER IS  
PLANNING A SEPARATE EVENT FOR WIVES.

2. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RESPONSE TO LETTER (AND  
WHETHER WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY).

3. FYI: OUR CURRENT COUNT IS THAT 15 CHIEFS OF STATE

SO FAR HAVE AT LEAST TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO COME.

4. TEXT OF LETTER.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT AFTER 13 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. I BELIEVE THAT THESE TREATIES REPRESENT AN HISTORIC MOMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AMERICAS, AND I AM VERY PLEASED THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THAT MOMENT WITH ME AND WITH CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OMAR TORRIJOS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FUTURE IN WHICH THE SAME SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP AND OF MUTUAL RESPECT THAT GUIDED US THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL GUIDE RELATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE.

IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PERSONAL LEADERSHIP IN HELPING TO BRING THIS MATTER TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AND FOR YOUR OFFER TO ENCOURAGE FULL SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS.

DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON, I LOOK FORWARD TO  
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AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU PERSONALLY TO PURSUE THOSE ISSUES WHICH YOU DISCUSSED WITH ROSALYNN. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON ANY OTHER MATTERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DURING OUR MEETING.

PLEASE CONVEY MY WARMEST FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF COSTA RICA ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND ACCEPT MY OWN PERSONAL BEST WISHES.  
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

5. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON ARRANGEMENTS AND LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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